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S/AS:AMBASSADOR SMITH
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TO AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE PRIORITY
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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, TECH, MNUC, NL

SUBJECT: VAN DER KLAAUW MEETING WITH GERARD SMITH

REF: (A) STATE 94273; (B) STATE 95043

1. DEPARTMENT REGRETS THAT DUTCH MEDIA COVERAGE AS REPORTED IN THE HAGUE 2368 AND BY FBIS DISTORTS THE THRUST OF AMBASSADOR SMITH'S REMARKS TO VAN DER KLAAUW ON ALMELO AND GRONAU. THE PURPORT OF WHAT AMBASSADOR SMITH SAID (REF B) WAS THAT FROM A NON-PROLIFERATION POINT OF VIEW URENCO (AS EXPANDED) WOULD APPEAR A BETTER SOLUTION TO PROSPECTIVE NEEDS FOR ENRICHED URANIUM THAN A NEW NATIONAL PLANT ANYWHERE. THIS IS FAR FROM IMPLYING THAT WE WOULD OPPOSE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTINATIONAL FACILITY IN GRONAU FOR THE REASON THAT IT WOULD BE LOCATED IN THE FRG,

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AND THE LATTER IN FACT IS NOT OUR VIEW.

2. AMBASSADOR SMITH MADE THE ABOVE POINT TO AMBASSADOR VON STADEN ON APRIL 23, AND DEPTOFFS HAVE REINFORCED SAME WITH FRG EMBASSY SINCE. ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO FIND APPROPRIATE BUT EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY SUBSTANCE OF

PARA 1, ABOVE, TO HOST GOVERNMENT SOURCES IN ORDER TO
CORRECT ANY FALSE IMPRESSIONS CREATED BY PRESS REPORTS.
ADDRESSEES ARE ALSO AUTHORIZED TO USE SUBSTANCE OF PARA 1,
ABOVE, TO RESPOND TO ANY MEDIA QUERIES ON THIS POINT.
GIVEN SENSITIVITY OF NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUES IN THIS AREA,
DEPT. TRUSTS THAT UTMOST CAUTION WILL BE USED IN BRIEFING
PRESS ON FUTURE OCCASIONS. VANCE

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